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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MORG, .ILL, IT
SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI DISCUSSES SENIOR ITALIAN MILITARY
APPOINTMENTS

1. OVER DINNER AT MY RESIDENCE ON JUNE 6 PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI DISCUSSED THE SENIOR MILITARY APPOINTMENTS DUE TO BE MADE IN THE COMING WEEKS. ANDREOTTI STATED HIS DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS ON THE BASIS OF MERIT AND RESIST POLITICAL PRESSURES. HE NOTED, FOR INSTANCE, HIS DECISION TO NAME REPLACEMENTS ONE-AT-A-TIME, AS THE INCUMBENTS RETIRE, RATHER THAN SELECTING ALL OF THE REPLACEMENTS AT ONCE, AS THE SOCIALISTS DESIRE, THEREBY AVOIDING EFFORTS TO FORCE POLITICAL TRADE-OFFS IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.

2. ANDREOTTI INDICATED THAT GENERAL CUCINO'S REPLACEMENT AS ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WOULD BE GENERAL RAMBALDI. HE SAID THAT GENERAL VIGLIONE WILL CONTINUE AS CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL LIKELY BE REPLACED BY GENERAL CAVALERA WHO IS PRESENTLY SECRETARY OF THE STAFF.
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HE SAID THAT THREE PEOPLE WERE IN CONTENTION FOR THE TOP NAVY POST AND THAT THE SITUATION THERE WAS "MORE COMPLICATED".
GARDNER

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